

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M. HELD
IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bowen, Geoff Armstrong, Jim Keane, Sue Ryser, Jerri Harwell,
JoAnn Frost, Doug Haymore, Amy Rosevear

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Gordon Nicholl

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Michael Black, Planning Intern Camille Petersen,
City Attorney Shane Topham, Planning Coordinator Sherry McConkey

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynne Kraus

Chair Bowen called the meeting to order and explained the Brett Rowe zone change had been cancelled.

1.0 PUBIC COMMENT

- 1.1 Lynn Kraus explained that she was not aware that the public hearing for the zone change had been cancelled and asked members to consider moving the crosswalk and believes there is an existing traffic problem that needs to be addressed when deciding what zone to change to.

Mr. Black stated that he would have the City engineer look in to this issue.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEM – NON-DEPOSITORY LENDING INSTITUTIONS

- 2.1 Ms. Petersen discussed the differences between banks and check cashing institutions and handed out information to members that gave an overview of the interest rates on loans taken out at these facilities and how these rates are not regulated by the state. She also discussed recent growth throughout the state in the last 10 years. How check cashing businesses work, and who is eligible to use them. She explained how other cities have regulated these types of businesses and how they have had to address the amount of check cashing businesses in their cities. She discussed some potential locations based on zoning where they can be located in our city.

- 2.2 Members discussed the differences between banks and check cashing institutions.

- 2.3 Mr. Black advised that this ordinance would be on the next agenda for the public hearing.

- 2.4 Chair Bowen asked if staff had contacted law enforcement to obtain the crime statistics involved with the opening of these types of businesses.

Mr. Black stated he would contact law enforcement to get the crime statistics.

- 2.5 Ms. Harwell asked if these institutions do title loans and if so, where would vehicles be stored if they are repossessed for non-payment.

3.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 3.1 **MOTION:** Mr. Haymore moved to approve the minutes for March 07, 2007 with recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harwell and passed unanimously on voice vote.

MOTION: Mr. Haymore moved to approve the minutes for March 21, 2007 with recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Frost and passed unanimously on voice vote.

4.0 **PLANNING DIRECTORS REPORT**

- 4.1 Mr. Black gave an update on current planning projects and discussed the Flag Lot ordinance.

- 5.0 **MOTION:** Ms. Harwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Frost and passed unanimously on voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved: 5-2-07 sm